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1. Rumors of disagreements between Bao Dai and President Tran Van Huu reflect accurately their present uneasy relationship. Bao Dai wishes to replace President Tran Van Huu by a Prime Minister more truly representative of Vietnamese Nationalist aspirations. President Huu is aware that Bao Dai would welcome a change of Government and has discussed recently in private the possibility of ousting Bao Dai from his position. However, in consideration of the fact that there is no other Vietnamese personality available to discharge adequately the duties of head of the State, President Huu has taken no action.
2. The Vietnamese Government is anxious to check tendencies towards local autonomy. In pursuit of this policy, the dismissal of Phan Van Giao, Governor of Central Vietnam, has been discussed. Despite sufficient available evidence of arbitrary conduct and corruption to justify such action, Phan Van Giao continues to enjoy French confidence and support and cannot, at present, be dismissed.

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